



Arechiea J. Martinez

April 28, 2024

Arechiea J. Martinez, joined her heavenly father on Sunday, April 28, 2024. She was born September 14, 1931, in Mount Herman Louisiana, to the union of the late Tommie James and Willie Mae Varnado. We are at peace knowing she's in God heavenly garden, where he has placed all his cherished flowers. Arechiea retired from Orleans Parish School Board as a chief baker, in her retirement she also worked as an usher in the Superdome for many years. Arechiea was baptized at an early age at Little Union Baptist Church in Mount Herman, LA. Arechiea loved all her grand kids, she had 9 great grandchildren, 11 great-great grandchildren, she was affectionately known as mama, grandma, grammy and mother. She loved to bake and read her bible, and the new paper. She is survived by her only daughter Helen Shorty (James), two brothers, Herbert B. James Sr. and Clarence L James Sr. (Fannie) and one sister Pauline Barbarain. Arechiea was preceded in death by her former husband, Genaro Martinez, Grandson, Wendell James, Granddaughter, Juwaun N. James, Great-grandson, Wendell Allen, 2 brothers: Herman (vera Lee) and Ernest James, 4 sisters: Catherine Washington, Dora Lee Brumfield, Cora Bell Dennis, Myrtle Brumfield, and sister-in-law Mary L James. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at Mount Hermon Baptist Church, 2153 North Broad Street, New Orleans, LA 70119 at 10:00am. Visitation will begin at 9:00am. Rev. John

Jackson officiating. Interment: Lake Lawn Park Cemetery & Mausoleum, 5100 Pontchartrain Blvd. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. New Orleans, LA 70125. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the guestbook.

Cemetery Details

Lakelawn Metairie Cemetery

5100 Pontchartrain Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70124

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Mount Hermon Baptist Church
2153 N. Broad St.
New Orleans, LA 70119

Funeral Service

MAY 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept my deepest condolences to you over the loss of your Mom. I know I can't make your pain go away but I want you to know I'm here for you with a shoulder to cry on or an ear to listen with, or anything else you may need. Love you Helen.

Trudy

Trudy Varnado - May 08, 2024 at 10:13 PM

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“ Love you Mama, Helen

helen shorty - May 08, 2024 at 11:09 AM